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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" To put the question asked by my hon. Friend, Mr. Desigar, in another form, might I ask if the Government have considered the desirability of framing separate budgets for the Andhra districts and the rest of the Madras Presidency? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I would ask the hon. Member to wait for the partition."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" Has the Report of the Government been sent to the Working Committee of the All-India Congress? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No, Sir; the report has been sent to the Government of India."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Since no definite reply has been given to the question put by my friend, Mr. Desigar, may I ask, Sir, if they have considered the desirability of having separate budgets . . . ? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am of the opinion that the question is out of order. There can be no question of separate budgets so long as there is a single province."

Madras Children's Aid Society.

* 120 *Q.*—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the conditions of life in the Madras Children's Aid Society, where about 150 boys and 200 girls are in detention are unsatisfactory due to insufficient accommodation;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that a large number of children escape from the Society due to inadequate staff and accommodation; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that about 150 to 200 boys are huddled together in three rooms supposed to be dormitories and that the sanitary arrangements of these dormitories are unsatisfactory?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) & (*c*) It is presumed that the reference is to the Madras Children's Aid Society's institutions located at Madras. The accommodation and lock-up of the institutions located in the Madras Children's Aid Society's premises in the Pantheon Gardens, Egmore, which is a rented building, are as follows :—

	Accommodation.	Lock-up.
Boys' Reception Home	180	170
Girls' Reception Home	30	46
Infants' Reception Home ..	20	14
Boys' Hostel ..	No special accommodation. The boys have been allowed to stay in the meeting hall and the verandah ..	13
Girls' Hostel ..	No separate enclosure. Girls have been allowed to stay in the Girls' reception home	6

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Some of the above institutions were previously located along with the girls' certified schools in the 'Retreat', Purasawalkam, which is jointly owned by the Madras Children's Aid Society and Government. The Civil Supplies Department occupied the premises at the time when the schools were evacuated to Tanjore and they have built a godown right in the centre of the compound of the premises. It will not be possible for the Civil Supplies Department to release the rice godown until rationing is lifted.

"The question of relieving overcrowding in the institutions by putting up temporary additional accommodation was considered and had to be dropped as the landlord made certain stipulations for putting up the additional structure which were not acceptable to Government. It was also considered that an expenditure of about Rs. 44,000 on temporary structures on a private man's land was a waste. There is a proposal to construct an enlarged Remand Home in the City to accommodate 100 more pupils. But the proposal has been deferred pending availability of a suitable site for constructing the building. As a temporary measure, the Society has proposed to put up some temporary additional accommodation by providing expanded metal to the verandah of the buildings in the premises. The Society's proposals in the matter are awaited.

"(b) There have been some escapes from the institutions located in the Pantheon Gardens, and the escapes have generally occurred under the following circumstances :—

(1) While in the bath room;

(2) by jumping over the compound wall;

(3) while remaining in the hospital as in-patients;

(4) on the way to and from hospital; and

(5) while being taken to several wards in the hospital for treatment as out-patients.

"The question of appointing adequate staff to prevent such escapes is under consideration."

12 noon. MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—"Is the Hon. Minister aware that these escapes have been going on for a long time and so it is very urgent that at least some steps are taken to prevent it?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"Escapes happen from other places also, wherever people are confined, and so this is not a particular case. Further, I do not consider we should lock up children like that; we should as far as possible avoid it."

MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA :—"May I ask Government, then, what is the use of Remand House?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—"It does not necessarily mean that we should lock up children. Such escapes of children are unavoidable."

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Dr. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" Sir, in order to relieve congestion, will Government consider the feasibility of putting up prefabricated buildings? "

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It is not a question of feasibility; it is a question of finance, which Government can ill-afford now."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The rest of the questions will be printed in the proceedings. We shall now proceed to the next item."

Cigars and cigarettes imported into and manufactured in this Province.

* 121 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity and the value of cigars and cigarettes imported from foreign countries and from other Provinces in India respectively into this Province; and

(*b*) the quantity and value of cigarettes manufactured in this Province?

The Hon. Sri C. PERUMALSWAMI REDDIAR :—" (*a*) A statement [a] containing figures for the last three years is placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Nil."

Scales of salaries of secondary grade teachers.

* 122 *Q.*—Sri B. BHIMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table of the House—

(*a*) the scales of salaries of secondary grade school teachers prescribed by the Government from 1st April 1937 to 31st March 1949, showing variations effected from time to time; and

(*b*) the scales of salaries for Lecturers, Assistant Professors and Pandits in Government Colleges who are not in the Madras Educational Service from 1st April 1937 to 31st March 1949, showing the variations effected from time to time?

The Hon. Sri K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement [b] is laid on the table of the House."

Municipalities where the Building Rules are in force.

* 123 *Q.*—Sri P. S. SRINIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of municipalities in the Province where the Building Rules are in force;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any complaints to the effect that the section relating to the leaving of 4 feet space from the street line works the greatest hardship in the repairing of old houses in some municipalities; and

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a Printed as Appendix I on page 1295 infra.
b Printed as Appendix II on page 1296 infra.